

## TRAIL CAMP INFORMATION:

Trail camp reservations: (831) 338-8861

Reservations may be made up to 2 MONTHS in advance.

### Fees:

#### **-Reservation fee (non-refundable): \$8.00 – per site, FIRST night ONLY!**

~Reservation fee must be paid within 7 business days of date made or reservation will be forfeited.

~Reservation fee must be sent to the Big Basin HQ address with the header reading: ATTENTION: Trail Camp Reservation.

~Checks should be made out to California State Parks

~Please include a return address.

#### **-Campsite fee: \$15.00 per night, per site. This fee is payable upon arrival at your starting location.**

~One car per site is included with fees.

~6 people per site maximum. Large groups with multiple sites must separate out into groups of no more than six per site.

~Callers are limited to two sites.

~Only one night stay at each trail camp except for Slate Creek (3 nights max) and Castle Rock (15 nights max).

#### **-Extra Vehicle fee: \$10.00 per night and \$8.00 at the Castle Rock parking lot. This fee is payable upon arrival at your starting location.**

~If parking at Castle Rock, Rancho Del Oso, Portola, or Big Basin after closing, use a separate iron ranger envelope and display the detachable permit section on the driver side dash of the vehicle.

~ If starting at Rancho Del Oso, enter through the iron gate at the north side of Waddell Creek. Drive down the road until you get to the small ranger office and use the self pay (iron ranger).

~If parking at Big Basin during business hours, check in at Park Headquarters.

### **RANCHO DEL OSO, SLATE CREEK at PORTOLA, WATERMAN GAP at CASTLE ROCK:**

***Campers must arrive BEFORE sunset & no hikers are allowed on trails after sunset!***

Cars parked along Hwy 9, 35, 236, at Saratoga Gap or at Waddell Beach in violation of posted orders can be cited and towed at owner's expense.

***Ranch del Oso (RDO):*** Enter through the iron gate at the north side of Waddell Creek. Drive down the road until you get to the small ranger office and use the self pay (iron ranger). Day use parking is located at Waddell Beach or outside the gate along Hwy 1 free of charge. There is no camping at Waddell beach. Waddell Beach parking lot closes at Sunset.

***Portola Redwood State Park:*** Reservations must be made through Big Basin's Trail Camp Reservation line—(831) 338-8861. Camping fees must be paid at Portola upon arrival.

~**Slate Creek Trail Camp (6 sites)**: Approx. 3.5 miles from Portola parking area. Outhouses and trash cans but **NO POTABLE WATER**. Raccoons are aggressive so bear proof containers or hanging food in trees is recommended. Slate creek is approximately .1 mile away from the trail camp. **3 NIGHTS STAY MAX.**

### ***Castle Rock State Park:***

~**Castle Rock Walk-in sites (20 sites)**: Approx. 3 miles from Castle Rock parking area. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE ONLY. Outhouses, trash cans, and potable water are available. Fires are OK during wet season. Check with the Ranger's office prior to camping regarding fires. **3 NIGHTS STAY MAX.**

~**Waterman Gap (6 sites)**: Approx. 11.4 miles from Castle Rock parking area and approx. 9.8 miles from Big Basin HQ. An outhouse, trash cans, and potable water are available.

### **BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL CAMPS:**

**Lane Trail Camp (6 sites)**: 5.7 miles north of Headquarters, 19.6 miles from Castle Rock parking. No potable water. Opal Creek is the closest water source, approx. 3 miles from camp. Pit toilets. Elevation: 2280 ft.

**Jay Trail Camp (6 sites)**: Located near park headquarters, Showers and potable water are available.

**Sunset Trail Camp (10 sites)**: Approx. 5.5 miles from headquarters. Approx. 7.8 miles from Waddell Beach. No potable water but near several creeks. Pit toilets. Elevation: 900 ft.

### **CAMP HERBERT IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED.**

**Twin Redwoods Trail Camp (6 sites)**: Approx. 2.1 miles from Waddell Beach. Approx. 10.5 miles from park Headquarters via Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. No potable water but camp is near West Waddell Creek. Pit Toilets. Elevation: 100 ft.

**Alder Trail Camp (6 sites)**: Approx. 2.0 miles from Waddell Beach. No potable water but near West Waddell Creek. Pit toilets. Elevation: 100 ft.

### **Additional Resources**

There are several good websites with information on hiking the Skyline to the Sea trail. Virtual parks.org has a map of the area showing trail camps and trails with pictures of the campsites. You can also visit numerous informative websites including [www.bigbasin.org](http://www.bigbasin.org), and [www.ranchodeloso.org](http://www.ranchodeloso.org). Additionally, you can contact local hiking clubs, purchase hiking books or visit the local library.